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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE US

1. I CALLED AT MY REQUEST ON THE PRIME MINISTER EARLY
THIS AFTERNOON IN HIS OFFICE AT THE MONCLOA PALACE AND
MET WITH HIM ALONE. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE
US WAS FOLLOWING WITH SYMPATHY ATTENTION AND ADMIRATION
HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IN
SPAIN'S EVOLUTION TOWARDS A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT.
THE US ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ITS RELATIONS
WITH SPAIN AND BELIEVES SPAIN HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE
TO PLAY AS A DEMOCRATIC NATION IN THE WESTERN WORLD

2. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER
SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE US GOVERNMENT ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AT THE END OF
NEXT WEEK. I SAID I THOUGHT THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD
PARTICULARLY LIKE TO HAVE PRIME MINISTER'S
VIEWS ON THE PRESENT INTERNAL SITUATION AND HOW HE SAW
THE PROSPECTS OF SPAIN'S EVOLUTION IN THE LONGER TERM.
I THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN
AN OVERVIEW OF THE BROAD LINES OF SPAIN'S FOREIGN
POLICY. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT I THOUGHT
THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO REVIEW WITH
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HIM THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
INCLUDING THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO
THE DEFENSE AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD A
GREAT DEAL TO HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND THE
VICE PRESIDENT AND OTHERS, AND THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION

TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT HIS EVALUATION OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN SPAIN AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. AS FOR FOREIGN POLICY HE WOULD TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT IT WAS SPAIN'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH THE US. THE KEYSTONE OF SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY IS ITS RELATIONS WITH THE US AND CONTINUING CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF AMERICAN POLICY. WHATEVER ROLE SPAIN MIGHT PLAY IN THE WORLD MUST BE CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE US. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS CONSIDERABLY TROUBLED BY THE SITUATION IN EUROPE WHERE THERE WERE MANY POINTS OF WEAKNESS THAT EUROPE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO MORE TO PULL ITS WEIGHT IN THE WORLD AND NOT FEEL THAT IT ALWAYS HAS TO LEAVE EVERYTHING TO THE U.S.

4. SEPTEL REPORTS THE PRIME MINISTERS VIEWS ON PRESENT INTERNAL SITUATION. STABLER

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